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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY

NAVCOMMU ASMARA ETHIOPIA

SECSTATE WASHDC 1043

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 11001

E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: FRENCH TV JOURNALIST REQUEST TO VISIT KAGNEW STATION

PARIS FOR USIS

REF: P 122145Z SEP 74; PARIS USIAC 20801 (NOTAL)

1. UPON ARRIVAL ADDIS SEPTEMBER 4, WHETHER OF FRENCH TV  
TELEPHONED USIS AND ASKED ACPAO IF USIS PARIS HAD CONTACTED  
ADDIS RE HIS REQUEST TO VISIT KAGNEW.

2. WHETHER WAS TOLD REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED BUT THAT IEG  
MININFO WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT GRANT PERMISSION TO VISIT FACILITY.

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3. WHETHER ALSO TOLD US FACILITY PRACTICALLY CLOSED DOWN AND

WAS NOT REPEAT NOT WORTHY OF TV COVERAGE.

4. HE WAS ALSO TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT IF HE WISHED TO PURSUE MATTER HE COULD CONTACT IEG DIRECTLY.

5. FOLLOWING EXPLANATION, WHETHER AGREED THERE WAS NO STORY AND THAT HE WOULD PROCEED TO DJIBOUTI AND FORGET ABOUT ASMARA. HE DID, HOWEVER, ASK IF THERE WAS POSSIBILITY OF FLYING FRENCH MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM DJIBOUTI TO KAGNEW.

6. HE WAS TOLD THAT KAGNEW HAS NO REPEAT NO LANDING FACILITIES AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE LANDING ARRANGEMENTS AT COMMERCIAL AIRPORT.

7. FYI: IEG HAS TURNED DOWN TWO SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM FOREIGN TV CREWS WITHIN PAST EIGHT MONTHS. WE HAVE CHECKED AGAIN AND THEY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT GRANT PERMISSION.

8. IN ADDITION, WE SEE NO BENEFIT TO BE GAINED FROM THIS TYPE EXPOSURE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF CURRENT DELICATE SITUATION.

9. IF WHETHER PERSISTS, SUGGEST HE BE TOLD TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH IEG SINCE THEY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN OVER MAJOR PORTION KAGNEW STATION AND DECISION RESTS STRICTLY WITH THEM.  
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